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SUBJ: THAI-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS

1. PRC OFFICIALS HAVE AGAIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO SERVE AS MIDDLEMEN IN THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO THAI EMBOFF, SUBJECT WAS RAISED LAST WEEK BY PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG IN DINNER WITH THAI AMBASSADOR. HAN REPORTEDLY ASKED THAIS TO PUT AN END TO SPECULATION ABOUT CHINESE MEDIATION, WHICH PEKING FINDS EMBARRASSING. HAN STRESSED THAT CHINA WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR KHMER ACTIONS.

2. SOMEWHAT SAME MESSAGE HAD EARLIER BEEN PASSED TO THAI EMBOFF DURING LEAVE IN BANGKOK. IN INFORMAL MEETING WITH PRC AMBASSADOR CHAI TSE-MIN, LATTER ENUMERATED SEVERAL REASONS WHY CHINA DID NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN BORDER DISPUTE. THESE INCLUDED FACT THAT "CAMBODIA IS A SOVEREIGN STATE," HISTORICAL NATURE OF BORDER DISPUTE, AND THAI GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-COMMUNIST POSITION WHICH, ACCORDING TO CHAI, LEAVES BANGKOK OPEN TO CHARGES OF INSINCERITY IN ITS
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DEALINGS WITH INDOCHINA STATES.

3. CHAI ALSO REFERRED DURING DISCUSSION TO BORDER PROBLEMS BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. HE CHARACTERIZED THEM AS RESULT OF VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION OF KHMER TERRITORY, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS.
COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE CAN REMEMBER A

PRC OFFICIAL COMMENTING ON KHMER-VIETNAMESE BORDER
DISPUTE. CHAI'S WILLINGNESS TO PLACE THE BLAME ON
HANOI IS INTERESTING.
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